

# bear trackers

## members unite community

**B**ear Trackers performed beyond expectations this year. The group of elite students were selected to serve the campus and surrounding community with their phenomenal leadership skills. Despite the intensive application and interview process, the chosen students were determined to begin assisting their community and getting to work on campus projects. These students were ambassadors that reached out to local high school students and spread the word about incredible experience of being a college student.

Two of the most important people responsible for the Bear Trackers' success were Karinlee Brister, the campus recruiter, and Pat Young, Director of Counseling and Recruitment. Local high school students competed in the annual Punt, Pass, and Kick for Tuition event to receive a free semester of tuition. Fundraisers such as the Belk Charity Sale, the Golden Corral Student Server Night, and the Jambalaya Plate Lunch Sale allowed members to work towards paying for their annual Beach Therapy Leadership Retreat in Gulf Shores, Alabama. In the spring, the Bear Trackers also hosted the annual Princess Ball, a night for little girls and their fathers to dress up, to socialize, and to dance the night away. The Bear Trackers president, Austin Wall, provided his leadership and guidance to his fellow members in order to make each event a memorable experience.

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right: Grace Williams, Katherine McDowell, and Shaynne Rallos organize the decorations for the annual Princess Ball; far right: Brielle Reid, Dane Felder, and Megan Miller read transfer information from local universities at the Transfer Fair; opposite page: Callie Gattis and Taylor Thornton proof the application packet.



above: Shaynne Rallos, Renner Rallos, Vice-President of Freshman Membership; Madysin Brister, Tori Faust, Summer Willis, McKena Henderson, Rashondra Rankin, Kaitlyn Campbell, Kaitlyn McCarlie, Student Chairman; Grace Williams, Callie Gattis, Brielle Reid; second row: Pat Young, Bear Tracker Advisor and SMCC Director of Counseling and Recruitment; Megan Miller, Kiara Quinn, Taylor Thornton, Ashley Vanegas, Student Chairman; Zoë Miller, Vice-President of Communications; Katelin O'Brien, Katherine McDowell, Mandy Byrd, Karinlee Brister, Bear Tracker Advisor and SMCC Recruiter; third row: KaReco Jackson, Ryan Ivey, Tiara Osbey, Austin Wall, Bear Tracker President



